

House Resolution No. 2486

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State educational institutions which admirably provide today's students with the knowledge, skills, and experiences necessary to become lifelong learners and future societal leaders; and

Whereas, Avery Elementary School in the Webster Groves School District in St. Louis, Missouri, has been selected as a 2006-2007 Gold Star School by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education; and

Whereas, Avery Elementary School will be formally recognized as a Gold Star School during a special event hosted by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and State Farm Insurance Companies on May 3, 2007; and

Whereas, one of only a select number of schools chosen to receive the prestigious Gold Star Award, Avery Elementary School joins an elite group of schools striving and succeeding in providing young people with a high-quality, high-performance education that will prepare them for the challenges of tomorrow; and

Whereas, a Gold Star School is one that has been judged particularly effective in meeting local and state goals and displays award criteria which include offering challenging standards and curriculum, teaching, active learning and learning-centered school contexts, as well as objective "indicators of success" based upon student performance, daily student and teacher attendance rates, and school, staff, and student awards; and

Whereas, established in 1991, the Gold Star Schools program is sponsored by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and is supported by State Farm Insurance Companies:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in extending our most hearty and robust congratulations to administrators, faculty, staff and students at Avery Elementary School at this proud moment of well-deserved distinction and in wishing them only the very best for selection to compete in the federal Blue Ribbon Award program competition; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Avery Elementary School in St. Louis, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Kathlyn Fares
District No. 91

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2486, adopted April 23, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker